

# Mackay HHS Obstetrics and Gynaecology Progress Update

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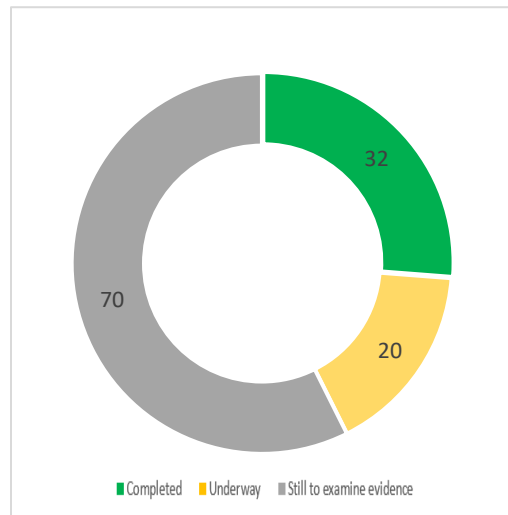
## Progress on Recommendations – Implementation Working Group

At the most recent meeting held on 16 January 2023, the group discussed recruitment and retention; and complaints recommendations. The group also discussed ways to attract mentors from tertiary hospitals to provide ongoing support and guidance to doctors and midwives.

The group has now reviewed 52 recommendations and has determined that:

- 32 recommendations are completed
- 20 recommendations are underway but require further work or additional evidence

There are now 70 recommendations still to be reviewed.



## Expression of Interest – sub-committee on physical environment

In the next week, an expression of interest will be advertised by the Obstetrics and Gynaecology webpage and distributed by email. The sub-committee will be reviewing recommendations related to the P-Block and Birth Centre infrastructure projects. Stay tune for updates.

## Recruitment

The Implementation Working Group was briefed on the significant recruitment effort within the Women’s Health Unit. The Unit now has permanent appointees to the following positions:

- Maternity Unit Manager



- Nursing Unit Manager, Special Care Nursery
- Associate Nursing Unit Manager
- Midwife Educator
- Clinical Facilitators x 2

We have also recently advertised for a Clinical Nurse Lactation Consultant which closes in early February 2023.

Shortly we will also be advertising for an additional part time clinical nurse specialising in diabetes. This will enable the Women's Health Unit to provide more support and services for women experiencing gestational diabetes.

### **Next steps**

Our next Implementation Working Group meeting is scheduled for 30 January 2023, where the group will continue reviewing recommendations on complaints and open disclosure processes. A progress update like this one, will be provided within a week of this meeting.

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